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To: Metro Council Members *charlie*

This week the results from the Metro auditors and the State Comptroller's Office were released to the media. I wanted to provide you with a copy of the news release we submitted to the media.

We have implemented most all the recommendations that were made. I am in the process of making additional changes in our office to insure that we perform our responsibilities as effectively and efficiently as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (personal cell).

Thank you.

## PRESS RELEASE

### **DAVIDSON COUNTY CLERK'S STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY AUDIT**

JANUARY 26, 2001 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NASHVILLE, TN – I have received the Metropolitan Government's Audit and have it under review. In reviewing the State Comptroller's Audit it became evident that prior to this audit that I implemented all changes recommended in the Report, except the recommendations in regards to the computer fees. The State Statute directs how the computer fee is to be handled rather than what the State Auditors recommend. Neither the State Audit nor Metro found any deliberate shortage of funds in this office. As a matter of fact, the last fiscal year (2010-2011) I returned to Metro almost **\$800,000** surplus from my budget. This is the third straight year of surplus being returned to Metro by this office.

As stated in my letter of Response to the Metro Internal Audit:

*"The Davidson County Clerk's Office is a public office, operated by an elected Constitutional officer, for service to the public and the government agencies, in transparency. Each of these separate entities, citizen and government agencies, has a right, recognized by this office, to be operated in the best interest of the public. It is my intent and purpose to operate the Clerk's office in that manner."*

*Letter in Response to Metro Audit, January 24, 2012*